

24th Malta International Fireworks Festival
20th April – 30th April
2025



Pyro Musical Show
Application



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Registration of Interest for the Traditional Fireworks Display

The Ministry for Tourism together with the Malta Tourism Authority is organising the 24th edition of the Malta International Fireworks Festival 2025, to be held between the 20th April and 30th April 2025.

1- General Details

Organiser: Malta Tourism Authority

Location: Malta

2 – General Regulations of the show.

The Applicant shall create and perform a unique show specifically designed for the Festival of not less than fifteen (15 Minutes) duration, which shall comprise a combination of fireworks and music (hereinafter referred to as the Pyro Musical Display o Show).

Two (2) minutes within the display shall be without accompanying music, highlighting different fireworks effects and sound.

The theme for this year's Festival is Classics.

One of the songs selected must represent the country of the participating company and will need to feature a local singer in the respective native language.

The Music selected and brief description shall be included in the application A song can only be used by one exhibitor. If multiple exhibitors use the same song,

MTA will give the right to the exhibitors that they would be required to change the song. The Quality of the music needs to be high quality in wav format 24bit, 48khz

The festival will be made up of a maximum of 6 Participants.

- **Important Notice** (*Applicable for Maltese Participants Only*)
Each licensee is permitted to submit a maximum of one application on behalf of a different factory or society *and must not participate in the same event



3 – Payment

In consideration of the creation and performance of the Show,

the Organiser shall pay the Company an amount of **twenty-five thousand Euro €25,000**, subject to confirmation) including VAT, if applicable.

AND ONLY IF THE PARTICIPANT HAS SATISFIED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS REQUESTED FROM THE SET UP TO THE CLEANING OF THE FIRING SITE. IF DEFAULTS ARE REGISTERED THERE MAY BE DEDUCTIONS OF THE PRICE MONEY.

If a fireworks entity is unable to set up fireworks within the allotted times, resulting in part of its display being cancelled, then the Organiser may be entitled to reduce the subsidy, and may claim any additional expenses upon presentation of invoices or order forms

Invoice Submission:

- The participant must submit an invoice to the Organiser within 14 days after the festival to claim payment

Requirements for Payment Processing

- A signed agreement.
- Full banking details, including the IBAN number.

4 – Prizes

The top three (3) competitors with the highest overall scores will receive placement trophies and the following cash prizes:

First Place: Five thousand Euro (€5,000).

Second Place: Three thousand Euro (€3,000).

Third Place: One thousand five hundred Euro (€1,500).

The Winner of the Pyro Show cannot participate within the next four years. Apart from that, the respective winner has the honor to participate in the next festival as part of the Closing Show.



5 – Jury

The competition will be evaluated by an international jury consisting of not less than three (3) adjudicators.

The results will be determined based on a variety of criteria, including:

- Quality of shells.
- Best colours.
- Best effects and sound.
- Synchronization.
- Artistic impression.
- Originality.
- Choice of music.
- Let-off site inspection.

The jury will evaluate the competitions both at the set-up (preparation) site and during the display. During the set-up inspection the lead person or his representative spokesperson will explain the ongoings and what one expects to see during the fireworks display. Visual aids and other material, even digital may be used.

Every fireworks entity needs to deliver a complete Pyromusical display to be eligible for the display to be judged, unless a fault arises not of its own doing. .

The chairperson, together with the jury members, will tally the total points scored and determine the overall first, second and third place teams and the winners of the different categories. The scoring sheets will be passed to the chairperson who will retain the scoring in confidence until the award ceremony. (i) Once the results are made public every competitor has a right to review always adhered to score. Such a request must be addressed by email to the chairperson of the jury and copied to the organizers. Any explanations are to be dealt with by the chairperson.

The decision of the judging panel is final and cannot be contested. Financial penalties of a 10% reduction in the remuneration is imposed on the contestants, if they score less than half of the maximum points thus setting the bar high for quality and reputation.

The observance of the health and safety code is strictly to be always adhered to from storage, transport, preparations at site and

6 – General Time Schedule

- The detailed time schedule will be provided at a later stage.

7 – Pyrotechnic Articles

7.1 – General Guidelines

- The six (6) Pyro Show participants will be showcased during the event.

Only pyrotechnic articles of the legal approved type [Subsidiary Legislation 33.03 Article 12] must be discharged and must not contain any prohibited precursor or pyrotechnic mixture. [Subsidiary Legislation Article 8]

The following aerial fireworks are prohibited : Smoke bombs (bomba tad-daġna), fire ballons, water shells and lampara (lampjuni). These cannot be discharged.

Foreign participants cannot purchase Maltese pyrotechnic articles.

7.2 – Barges Specifications

- Firework shells must not exceed **twelve (12) inches / 300mm** in size.
- Shells up to 100mm +/- 60° & 90°
- Shells over 100mm to be fire at +/- 70° (-20° |0° /20°)
- Local participants must be registered with the **Malta Pyrotechnic Association**, either as **full members** or ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.
- For displays on the barge, an allocated area of **5 meters by 22 meters** will be provided.

7.3 – Pontoon Specifications

- Five (5) pontoons, each measuring **three (3) meters by three (3) meters**, will be available.
- The total length of the pontoon setup can stretch up to **one hundred (100) meters**, with twenty-five **(25) meters** between the center of each pontoon.
- Each pontoon can hold a maximum of **three hundred and fifty (350) kilograms** of fireworks material & Equipment.
- Firework shells used on pontoons must not exceed **3 inches (75mm)** in size.



8 – Participant Details

- Participants must provide **detailed information about their company/factory** and a **comprehensive CV**, highlighting past participation in competitions or festivals.
- Local participants must be registered with the **Malta Pyrotechnic Association**, either as **full members** or with **observer status**.

9 – General Conditions

To ensure a smooth and safe setup process, participants must adhere to the following conditions:

1. Personnel:

1. A maximum of **ten (10)** personnel from each Company/Factory are allowed onsite for the setup at one time.
2. The Company/Factory must provide the organiser with the details of these personnel upon confirmation of their participation.
3. The organiser must also receive documentation for an additional **eight (8)** personnel who may act as replacements for any of the original twelve (10) if necessary.

2. Uniform and Identification:

1. All team members must wear FIRE PROTECTIVE **factory/society uniform** displaying the **company name and logo**.
2. All team personnel are required to wear **YELLOW** high-visibility (Hi-Vis) clothing while on-site. Additionally, the person in charge who is holding the licensee must wear a **ORANGE** Hi-Vis of a different color to ensure easy identification.
3. *"Team members must carry their valid licenses at all times while onsite. Spot checks will be conducted by the Competitive Authority. Any individual found without a valid license will be subject to penalties upon report."*
4. The Police and the Fireworks Inspectors [Subsidiary Legislation 33.03 Article 16A 1b] have a right to visit and check the firing site during the assembly and after the let off.

9.1 – General Conditions

3 Setup and Safety Measures:

1. The setup area must remain clean and organized to ensure safety.
2. No changes are permitted during the setup phase. This includes alterations to personnel, material, or the location of the let-off.
3. Cooperation and a positive working attitude between different teams are essential and highly valued.

4 Social Media Restrictions:

1. During the setup and preparation period, no photos or videos may be posted on social media platforms unless approved in writing by an **MTA representative**.
2. All participants need to observe the Rules & Regulations outlined in No. 1 above. Unless a participant fails to meet the criteria, a penalty may be imposed.

5 Post-Show Cleanup:

1. The applicant is responsible for cleaning the area after the show and again the following morning to ensure no rubbish or petards are left behind.
2. The cleanup must be completed by **07:00 hrs** the next day, including the removal of items such as tyres, metal tanks, or any other materials brought onsite for setup or let-off.
3. Applicants must ensure they have sufficient personnel to perform the cleanup efficiently.

6 Inspection and Cleanup Requirement

1. An **inspection** will be conducted after the event to ensure that the area has been cleaned and restored to its original state as provided to the applicant prior to the setup.
2. If the **Organiser determines** that the applicant has failed to meet this requirement, a **penalty of €1,000** will be deducted from the total payment amount due to the applicant.



Participant's Obligations

Deliver a Complete Show: Participants must ensure a full fireworks display.

1.Inventory Submission: Provide the Malta Tourism Authority (organizer) with:

1. Details of the firing system.
2. Type and active weight of products.
3. A complete list of pyrotechnic materials for the show (with up to 25% amendments allowed).

2.Supply of Materials: Participants are responsible for bringing necessary materials like:

1. Nylon, igniters, wires, connectors, and all related items required for the festival.

3.Documents Submission:

1. A copy of valid fireworks licenses.
2. Passports or Id Card of the licensee and crew.

Applies to Foreign only

Foreign companies shall be responsible for the transfer of fireworks and equipment to the fireworks deposit in Italy at their own expense.

The Authority will cover the following costs:

- Up to four (4) flight tickets for four (4) crew members
- Up to four (4) nights of accommodation for four (4) crew members

Organizer's Obligations

1.Insurance Coverage: The organizer will provide an insurance policy for all participants during the event, covering:

1. Transport from the factory to the setup Area.
2. During the display.



Other Regulations

The legally responsible person is the lead person/licencee of the participating fireworks entity. A particular participating fireworks entity that breaches the law will be disqualified by the organizers and its subsidy may be reduced by up to 90%. The Organizers are not liable for any illegal misdoings of a fireworks entity.

Every fireworks entity must abide to EU Fireworks Directives and to Malta's Explosive Ordinance (Chapter 33 of the Laws of Malta) and its Subsidiary Legislation 33.03, especially when it comes to manufacture, storage, transportation, discharge and clearing of firing sites and the Trees and Woodlands Protection Regulations (Legal Notice 258) Article 17.

The Organizer does not shoulder the responsibility for any claims on incidences, ill health or death of personnel incurred on employees/licensed members/volunteers in the preparatory phase and during an event or any loss of equipment used for discharge of fireworks by a fireworks entity. The insurance coverage of such claims may be taken on a separate basis by the participating fireworks entities.

The Organiser may cancel all or part of MIFF for the following reasons: public or political reasons (state of emergency, terrorist attacks, public disasters, national mourning, general strike, rioting, epidemic), force majeure, bad weather or for reasons of essential meteorological safety (4.52). (i) If the entire event is cancelled, prior its start, the fireworks entities which were eligible to participate will be invited to participate the following year. These fireworks entities will have the right of first refusal.

Unforeseen event shortcomings (eg. weather, accidents) and last-minute changes are a common occurrence in all fireworks festivals, more so when they are spread over a period of a few days.

Taking part in the Malta International Fireworks Festival assumes total acceptance of the defined rules and conditions of the application. Fireworks entities who do not comply with the rules as stipulated may be disqualified, at any moment of the event from start to finish.

Any situations or grievances not covered by these rules are referred to the Organizers, whose decision is final. The organizers have a right to set up an independent technical board, arbiter, or a disciplinary board

Any grievances will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the current laws of Malta.

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PARTICIPANTS APPLICATION FORM

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Applicant Information

- **Organization/Company Name:**

- **Contact Person:**

- **Address:** _____

- **Phone Number:**

- **Email Address:**
_____ @ _____
- **ID Card / Passport no:** _____

Requirements:

- **Attach / upload a copy of the licensee's**

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Licensee Information

Full Name of Licensee:

Address :

City : _____ Country : _____

Zip Code : _____

ID Card Number:

Mobile Number of the Representative:

License Number of Licensee

Requirements

- To Upload an image of the Licensee's
- Date of Submission of the Application
- By clicking the below checkbox, the Licensee declares that all information submitted valid and within the application is correct.

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Factory / Society Information

Full Name of Company:

Address:

City : _____ **Country :** _____

Zip Code : _____

Biography Company (not more than 250 words) :

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Section 2.1: Show Details

1. Show Title: _____
2. Duration (in minutes): _____
3. Theme of the Show: _____

1. Music Genres (tick all that apply):

- a. Classical
- b. Pop
- c. Rock
- d. Electronic
- e. Other (please specify): _____

2. Description of the Show Concept (Max 300 words):

Section 3: Technical and Logistical Requirements

1. Music Submission: Please send the soundtrack in MP3 or WAV format via E-mail.

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Crew 1 /

1. **Name:** _____
2. **Surname:** _____
3. **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 2 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 3 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 4 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Applies only for Foreign participants: Once the authority confirm your participation, it is very important to send all documents as there is a procedure to apply for a temporary license with Police.

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PARTICIPANTS APPLICATION FORM Pyro Musical Show 2025

Crew 5 /

1. **Name:** _____
2. **Surname:** _____
3. **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 6 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 7 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 8 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

*Deadline for application submission shall be no later than **Friday 14th February (close of business)**.*

*Late applications will **NOT** be considered.*

Should there be any queries, you are kindly requested to reach out to us on fireworks@visitmalta.com.